

From Our Graduates:

Robert Wilson: “**David Ditto's** sharing of his life made me remember some of my younger days.

I had a couple of uncles who were involved in the rodeos in Waco. They helped me to ride in the Grand Entry and meet a number of the older actors such as: Dale Robertson, Roy Rogers and Dale Evans, The Cisco Kid and Pancho, Tex Ritter, Red Ryder and Little Beaver, Gene Autry and several others.

Dale Robertson held my oldest daughter Cheryl when she was two. Later both girls rode in the Grand Entry and Cheryl rode the barrels in Axtell when Cheryl was in the seventh grade and Misty was in the 4th grade.

I preached at several of the trail rides in and around Waco and San Antonio, standing in the back of pick-ups and on bales of hay at the crack of dawn on Sunday mornings.

Those were some great times.

Thank you, David, for reminding me of those fond memories!”

Bev Murphy Wells:

“The story about **David Ditto** was such a good read. There truly are real life cowboys and cowgirls...David and Linda have proven that! I know they've seen some beautiful places in our country that most people never experience. Yes, Branson, The Ark and Creation Museum are must visits.

Congrats to **Ed Gatlin** and his lovely bride and congrats to **Pat and Patty Payne** on their 44th anniversary! All the pictures were great too!”

David Dibb: “ I talked with **David Ditto** a few months back after he got reconnected to our group and tried to encourage him to tell Jeanne his story. The essence of his reply was 'Shucks, I've just been riding horses. Nothing anyone would want to read about'.

David and I were not friends in school, even tho we must have lined up alphabetically together a lot, but he sure sounds like someone I wish I'd known better.”

Bev Murphy Wells: “Thanks to **David Dibb** regarding his article about Geronimo. I've always had a heart for the American Indians; in fact, when we went through the Badlands this summer, we ended up on an Indian reservation. I'll need to trek to Fort Pickens now to discover Geronimo's beachfront home. This oil painting of Geronimo was on Antiques Roadshow a few weeks back. As you can see the painting valued at \$6500 in 2003 so I'm assuming it's worth



more now. So if David Dibb has anything 'Geronimo', he may want to keep it.”

David Ditto: “I really liked the article on Geronimo by David Dibb. Many years ago, four couples from our area went to Ft. Sill Oklahoma and joined the “Geronimo Trail Ride”. That was way before 9-11. All military bases closed off all access after that. The eight of us, with our horses, camped in a designated area, and rode to the cemetery and burial plot of Geronimo. Don't get me wrong, he was a murderer, and vicious person, but I can get a sense of his anxiety, frustration, and anger at the invasion of the country that had been a way of life for his people for generations. Also, the horrible massacre of his tribe—I must say though, not unlike what he did to the settlers and towns. Great article David.”



1. **Anne Bateman Myers** (whs '62) just returned from Newfoundland & Labrador and spent an evening in Gander, Newfoundland (think 9-11). She said: "How they got 38 wide body planes at that small airport, got them all out of the air without a crash, and took care of the 7,000 people on the planes for 5 days is short of amazing. Gander's population is only 9,000."

2. **Howard Dudgeon**: "I always thought that Waco High had excellent teachers. I went back and checked my Daisy Chain on how many of them had advanced degrees. I came up with 60 out of 84 which is probably why I didn't study much my first two years college. I could get B's and C's in English and History without studying and A's in mathematics. I put off taking sciences until my senior year at Baylor. I literally did not crack a book in Biology for a C and an A in Chemistry. In Chemistry I used Miss Dumont's notes from 11th grade."

3. **David Dibb** and wife, Anita, recently returned from a two week trip to Germany, Vienna, and parts around while visiting their daughter, Whitney, and two grandsons. Whitney is a motivational speaker and author who lives near Cologne, Germany. Here are a few highlights of their trip. It will give you Wanderlust- it did me!!!



The Dom Cathedral in Cologne



The chocolate museum and manufacturing in Cologne



The city of Wuppertal has a hanging tram over 100 years old that gets you from one end of the city to the other. The most accident-free public transportation in Europe



There is an auto dealer outside of Cologne that sells Masseratti, Bentley, and Ferrari, but also has about a half-acre of restored sports and classic cars for sale. I'd be happy with this late-50's MGA



A cruise down the Danube. Such beautiful homes and churches.



Day trip to a beautiful village by a mountain lake.



David said: "When it was time to come home, we took a 7-hour train ride from Vienna to Frankfurt. We traveled First-Class, which we could never afford on a plane. We passed more quaint villages, and followed the Danube River for much of the way. The train comes in right to the airport, and just below our hotel where we spent our last night before flying out the next morning. We had a great time and it was wonderful to see Whitney and the boys."

UPDATES:

Bob Easter: Bob is continuing to have muscle spasms and two pinched nerves in his back which are still causing some sleepless nights. He has gotten another doctor so everyone is hoping for some success with these issues. We all are aware that it is not easy being older and trying to heal as our bodies just do not always do what our minds want them to do.

Gayla Miller Webb: On October 6, Gayla is having surgery on her other shoulder. She had such good success with the first shoulder surgery, she is hoping for a repeat success with this second. Please remember her- surgery is never fun.

Cathey White Land: Cathey's good news: Her ankle is fusing!!! YEA!!!

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

- 6 Randy Farrar
- 7 Gregory Howell
- 9 Marvin Schutza, David Rosen
- 15 Betty Barkley Flowers
- 16 Charles Edward Wilson
- 17 Beverly Summey
- 18 John Ferguson, David Walsworth
- 21 Ken Baker
- 25 Ralph Klatt
- 26 Anitra Harrell Henrion
- 29 Tim Lasseter Latta



Whatever Happened to....?

... Barbie ... by David Dibb

Before Barbie, little girls mostly played surrogate mothers to baby dolls. But when Ruth Handler, co-founder of Mattel, introduced Barbie our senior year at WHS (1959), her message was that a girl should know she could become anyone. And, “become”, Barbie has. The impossibly proportioned plastic icon that we all bought for our little girls and granddaughters has held over 200 jobs, from McDonald’s “do you want fries with that”, to President of the United States.

Airline pilot, stewardess, doctor, nurse, teacher, fashion designer, baby-sitter, gymnast, Navy petty officer, cop, astronaut, NASCAR driver, and Baywatch lifeguard. She’s held slumber parties, birthday parties, beach parties, and political parties. She’s been a bridesmaid, a blonde, a brunette, a redhead, and has lately worn rainbow tresses.

On her 16th birthday, she became Miss America. At age 22, she took on a Dolly Parton image (at least Dolly measured up to her). At age 40, she got a movie role (in *Toy Story*). At age 50, she got tattoos (washable ink). At age 55 (2014), for the first time in her life, she was outsold by another doll (Elsa, from *Frozen*)

Although she and Ken had their own house in Malibu, they were never married, and he broke up with her on Valentine’s Day, 2004. Barbie was 45. But maybe Ken had an inkling of what was to come. This year, with Barbie past 60, Mattel has marketed a transgender Barbie.

On the other hand, Barbie has supported UNICEF, children’s cancer, and helped close the “Dream Gap” for young girls.

So, the answer to “Whatever happened to Barbie” is, “just about anything and everything, and they are not through with her yet”. Worldwide, Barbie dolls are selling at 100 a minute, or 58M a year, garnering Mattel about \$1.4B annually. Not bad for a girl almost old enough to draw Social Security.

But my favorite has to be the Barbie with a dog that pooped out plastic pellets, and a cute Barbie pooper scooper she used to pick it up, and, in an environmentally sound manner, dispose of it. It was recalled for technical issues. Mattel says the issue has been rectified.

(David's article brought some of these to mind)



Dolly



teacher





Lovefood

[30 Wonderful waterside restaurants in the US](#)

("I can personally vouch for #2, #18, #21- the Lobster in Boston & Ogunquit... and the Salmon in Seattle...So good!" jh)

- 1 Boat House Waterfront Dining, Tiverton, Rhode Island
- 2 Legal Harborside, Boston, Massachusetts
- 3 Jake's Del Mar, Del Mar, California
- 4 Blue Moon Over Avila, Avila Beach, California
- 5 The Strand House, Manhattan Beach, California
- 6 Little River Inn, Mendocino, California
- 7 Latitudes, Key West, Florida
- 8 A-J's Dockside Restaurant, Tybee, Georgia
- 9 Boathouse on the Bay, Long Beach, California
- 10 Dry Dock Waterfront Grill, Longboat Key, Florida
- 11 The River Café, Brooklyn, New York
- 12 The Mill at Simon Pearce, Quechee, Vermont
- 13 Sea Level, Pass Christian, Mississippi
- 14 Salty's Seafood, Portland, Oregon
- 15 Coast Guard House, Narragansett, Rhode Island
- 16 Pilot, Brooklyn, New York
- 17 Dauphin's, Mobile, Alabama
- 18 Salty's Seafood, Seattle, Washington
- 19 Bartolotta's Lake Park Bistro, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
- 20 Marker 88, Islamorada, Florida
- 21 M.C. Perkins, Ogunquit, Maine
- 22 Miller's Waterfront Restaurant, Nag's Head, North Carolina
- 23 The Oasis at Lake Travis, Austin, Texas
- 24 Nepenthe, Big Sur, California
- 25 La Mar by Gaston Acurio, Miami, Florida
- 26 Bon Appetit, Dunedin, Florida
- 27 The Spot, Galveston, Texas
- 28 The Beach House, Kauai, Hawaii
- 29 COAST, Watch Hill, Rhode Island
- 30 Brown's Beach House, Puako, Hawaii

Blast from the Past: **Tim Lasseter Latta** ran across this. It was available for our 30th reunion....1990. Gads- that was 32 years ago!



See if this reminds you of when you were growing up:

'Someone asked the other day, 'What was your favorite fast food when you were growing up?'

'We didn't have fast food when I was growing up,' I informed him.

'All the food was slow.'

'C'mon, seriously. Where did you eat?'

"It was a place called 'at home'," I explained.

'Mom cooked every day and when Dad got home from work, we sat down together at the dining room table, and if I didn't like what she put on my plate I was allowed to sit there until I did like it.'

By this time, the kid was laughing so hard I was afraid he was going to suffer serious internal damage, so I didn't tell him the part about how I had to have permission to leave the table.

But here are some other things I would have told him about my childhood if I figured his system could have handled it :

Some parents NEVER owned their own house, never wore Levis, never set foot on a golf course, never traveled out of the country or had a credit card.

In their later years they had something called a revolving charge card. The card was good only at Sears Roebuck. Or maybe it was Sears & Roebuck.

Either way, there is no Roebuck anymore. Maybe he died.

My parents never drove me to soccer practice. This was mostly because we never had heard of soccer.

I had a bicycle that weighed probably 50 pounds, and only had one speed, (slow).

We didn't have a television in our house until I was 9.

It was, of course, black and white, and the station went off the air at midnight, after playing the national anthem and a poem about God; it came back on the air at about 6 a.m. and there was usually a locally produced news and farm show on, featuring local people.

I was 13 before I tasted my first pizza, it was called 'pizza pie.' When I bit into it, I burned the roof of my mouth and the cheese slid off, swung down, plastered itself against my chin and burned that, too. It's still the best pizza I ever had.

I never had a telephone in my room. The only phone in the house was in the living room and it was on a party line. Before you could dial, you had to listen and make sure some people you didn't know weren't already using the line.

Pizzas were not delivered to our home, but milk was.

All newspapers were delivered by boys and all boys delivered newspapers--my brother delivered a newspaper, six days a week. It cost 7 cents a paper, of which he got to keep 2 cents. He had to get up at 6AM every morning. On Saturday, he had to collect the 42 cents from his customers. His favorite customers were the ones who gave him 50 cents and told him to keep the change. His least favorite customers were the ones who seemed to never be home on collection day.

Movie stars kissed with their mouths shut. At least, they did in the movies. There were no movie ratings because all movies were responsibly produced for everyone to enjoy viewing, without profanity or violence or most anything offensive.

If you grew up in a generation before there was fast food, you may want to share some of these memories with your children or grandchildren.

HUMOR:

Some people don't understand that sitting in your own house in peace, eating snacks and minding your own business is priceless.

Women have only 2 problems.
1. Nothing to wear.
2. No room for all their clothes.

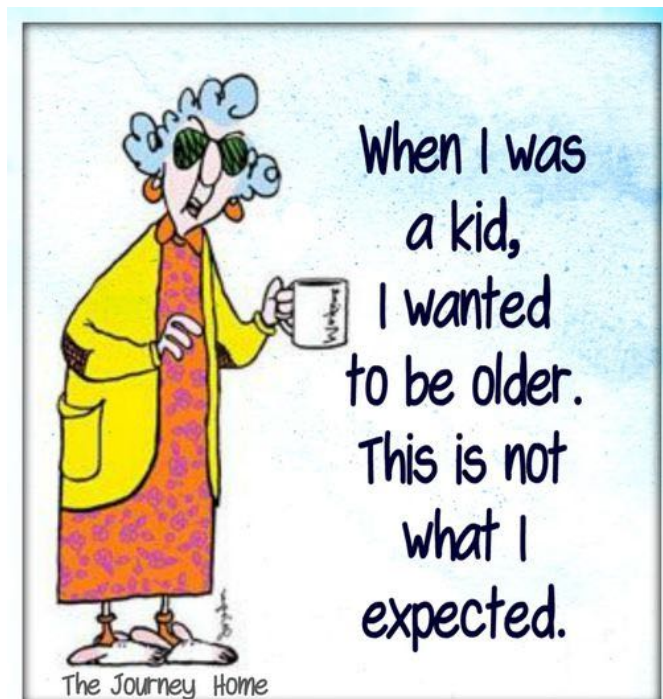
My wife is singing in the house



I'm sitting outside so the neighbors don't think I'm hitting her

FINALLY FIGURED OUT WHY I LOOK SO BAD IN PICTURES.

IT'S MY FACE



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